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DEPUTY MINISTER SKWATSHA TO VISIT MFULENI FARMERS WHO RECEIVED COVID-19 DISASTER AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT RELIEF FUNDS

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Mr Mcebisi Skwatsha, will on Thursday, 9 July 2020, conduct site visits to Mfuleni small-scale farmers in the Western Cape (WC).

The 12 farmers from Mfuleni benefited from the National Covid-19 Agricultural Disaster Relief Fund that was announced by Minister Thoko Didiza in April 2020, to assist the small scale famers during the lockdown.

The WC approved R58.1 million, for a total number of 1555 small farmers, each farmer receiving not more than R50 000 in vouchers. The vouchers will assist the farmers to buy equipment, animal feeds, medications and compost, etc. Through this intervention, the department seeks to ensure that agricultural production continues during and post the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

- Venue: Mfuleni area, in Cape Town
- Date: 9 July 2020
- Time: 13h00

All media enquiries and RSVPs should be directed to Mr Vuyani Nkasayi on 021 409 0321 / 083 579 1516 / <u>Vuyani.Nkasayi@drdlr.gov.za.</u>

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